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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, PARM, NATO

SUBJECT: MBFR: UK VIEWS ON BREZHNEV SPEECH

1. AT PERMREPS LUNCH OCTOBER 30, UK AMBASSADOR PECK CALLED ATTENTION TO BREZHNEV'S RECENT SPEECH TO CONGRESS OF PEACE FORCES IN MOSCOW. PECK SAID THAT IN THE BRITISH VIEW THE SOVIETS SEEMED INTERESTED IN 1) REDUCING THE NUMBER OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS IN WESTERN EUROPE IN A MANNER NOT DISSIMILAR TO U.S. MBFR OPTION III; 2) THAT THE SOVIETS SEEMED TO HAVE SHOWN SOME FLEXIBILITY WITH RESPECT TO A REDUCTION OF FORCES BY EQUAL PERCENTAGES; 3) IN LONDON'S VIEW IT SEEMED MOST SIGNIFICANT THAT BREZHNEV HAD INDICATED THE HOPE THAT THE MBFR NEGOTIATORS MIGHT BE ABLE TO REACH SOME AGREEMENT AS EARLY AS 1975. HMG BELIEVED THAT MENTION OF THIS DATE SHOWS THE USSR REALIZED THE COMPLEXITIES OF THE ISSUE AND IS ENTERING INTO THE VIENNA NEGOTIATIONS IN A BUSINESSLIKE WAY.

2. DANISH PERMREP SVART, WHO NOW APPEARS TO FUNCTION VERY CONFIDENTIAL

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MUCH AS THE COUNCIL'S KREMLINOLOGIST, EXPRESSED FIRM AGREEMENT WITH THE THIRD POINT.
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